From The Principal

Dear Parents,

The term is quickly progressing and all classrooms are buzzing with the sound of hard work and active minds.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 children on completing NAPLAN and to our Year 3 and 5 teachers for having them so well prepared. Our support staff also played an active role in the administration of these tests and I thank them. My thanks also to Mrs Walker for co-ordinating the NAPLAN timetable and the school organisation.

This week, Parent Interview notes would have been issued. We ask all parents to return these as soon as possible. Semester One Reports are given out at this time and your child’s progress will be discussed with the report as a major focus.

Mrs Nowland unfortunately will not be returning to Walters Road. Miss O’Brien will continue on 2N for the remainder of the year. We hope a new teacher will be appointed at the end of the year. A big congratulations is in order to Miss Grennard who sadly will be leaving us at the end of 2014. Miss Grennard was successful by merit selection as the new Assistant Principal at Northmead PS.

I would also like to acknowledge one of our students in 6W. Mihiterina assisted an elderly lady who was having an asthma attack out the front of the school. She helped this lady into the school where our office staff helped her with ventolin and support. What beautiful citizenship and kindness was displayed. Well done.

Regards,

Phil Harris
Principal
From The Deputy

Hello Everyone,

Week 4 this term saw the first ICAS competition test completed at Walters Road Public School. The test was a pen and paper process to assess computer skills for students from Year 3 to Year 6. The English and Mathematics tests are also available for Year 2 students as well. Our students taking part in these ICAS tests may need to remember some or all of the following dates:

- Science 4 June
- Writing 16 June
- Spelling 17 June
- English 29 July
- Mathematics 12 August

Congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students that participated in the national NA PLAN tests. Students were keen to show what they know about reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. The skills and knowledge they demonstrated will assist teachers in future teaching and learning. Student NAPLAN reports will be available in September.

This term has seen a great deal of quality teaching and learning by our dedicated staff at Walters Road. It is wonderful to hear our students talk about topics covered in class, books they are reading, sports they are learning, time spent singing, playing recorders, doing art and craft activities and enjoying quiet play during lunchtimes. All of these learning experiences take part because of dedicated teaching staff.

We are coming up to our assessment and reporting period and teachers will be organising interview times very soon. Please watch out for the Parent/Teacher Interview note and return it with your preferred time as soon as you can.

Thank you to our families who are talking to their children about our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations. At the moment we have a focus on being respectful. Some ideas on being respectful included being polite, listening carefully, taking turns and talking in a quiet voice. Hopefully these can be continuing discussion points at home as well as at school. One young Year 2 student happily informed me that he was respectful at home by eating all his dinner! Well done to those fortunate parents!

Mrs D. Walker
Deputy Principal

Stage Reports

Early Stage 1 News

The Kindergarten excursion to Taronga Zoo is on Friday, 13th of June. A reminder that on the day students need to:

- Come to school by 8:45am – the bus will be leaving at 9:00am.
- Wear their full school uniform.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes - sports shoes recommended.
- Wear a school hat.
- Bring their recess, lunch and drinks in a plastic bag – we will be providing them with an orange WRPS bag to use on the day.

The closing date for payments for this excursion is on Friday 6th of June.

Some of the school requirements this year for Kindergarten are glue sticks and tissue boxes. Some classes are starting to run out of these items. If you haven’t had a chance to bring these items in, your child’s teacher would really appreciate them.

Thank you to the Roger’s family and Coles for their donation of herbs and gardening equipment to the school. KV are very excited about planting some of the seedlings.

Mrs Y. Theodorou
Assistant Principal - Early Stage 1

Stage 1 News

Congratulations to 1H on a wonderful assembly. The children did a fabulous job remembering their lines and I was very proud of the way they played the instruments and sang for our class item. Next week’s assembly will be hosted by 2S.

The gymnastics lessons at school have been completed for students in K-2. They have been participating in some very exciting activities to develop core strength, such as handstands, and have been able to use equipment such as the horizontal bar and mini-trampoline. Students will attend the final, extended lesson at the gymnastics centre later in the term.

An excursion note has gone home for our trip to Vaucluse House and it is great to see students bringing in their permission note and payment already. A reminder that the final day to pay for this excursion is just two weeks away → Friday, 6th June.
This term, Stage 1 have been learning about persuasion in English. We have also been learning about using word processing tools such as bold, underline and spell check using Microsoft Word. In the work samples below, two 1/2B students have given their opinion on the best cereal for children, along with some reasons to support their thinking. Well done 1/2B!

Mrs T. Harris  
Assistant Principal – Stage 1

Stage 2 News

I strongly believe that porridge is the best cereal for children because it is healthy for you because it has oat in it and bread has oat in it and bread is healthy and its uncle Jack's cereal is healthy because it has oat.

Congratulations to all Year 3 students for participating in NAPLAN and giving it their best efforts. The weeks are flying by quickly and students are reminded to bring all the right equipment to school every day.

Stage 2 Camp is quickly filling up. If your child is interested in attending and has not yet paid a deposit, please see the class teacher.

Mrs S. Maack  
Assistant Principal – Stage 2

Stage 3 News

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 4! Stage 3 students are continuing to work extremely hard in class and we congratulate all Year 5 students for their efforts during the NAPLAN tests. Our Year 6 students were very excited at the end of last week with the arrival of their Year 6 shirts and it is great to see them wearing the T-shirts so proudly around the school.

Year 6 Farewell - Parent Meeting

Our next Year 6 parent meeting will be held on Friday 30th May 2014 in Mr. Dyer’s room.

Ms J. Grennand  
Relieving Assistant Principal – Stage 3

Payment Envelopes: A reminder to parents and students

Our envelope system is designed to save you time. We have noticed lately that a lot of parents and students have had to queue while waiting to pay for excursions etc. Please complete an envelope with your child’s name, class and details of what you are paying for.

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Mrs K. Wright  
School Administrative Manager

Too Sick for School?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E.

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Term 2 – Week 4

gives a green ‘Thumbs Up’ to the new Herb Garden!

Earlier in the year, we purchased some garden beds with some funding that was received from the Live Life Well Program. Sadly we looked at the beds for a while with hardly anything but soil in it, then KT kick started the gardens by planting some rosemary, and now we have filled our gardens up with a wide variety of herbs.

Mrs Rogers organised for the wonderful team at Coles Blacktown to generously chip in to complete the gardens by donating herb seedlings, potting mix, gardening gloves and even our very own George the garden gnome.

We currently have 4 garden beds available – one garden each to Kinder, Year 1, Year 2 and our EALD students. Each class will be allocated some time to manage the gardens on a roster. The classes will maintain the gardens and ensure that the produce continues to grow whilst the children learn very valuable learning experiences about how things grow and change.

Once again, thank you so much Coles and Mrs Rogers for your kindness; the children at WRPS certainly do appreciate your assistance and support.

Mrs G.Grant and Ms R.Laundry

Australia’s BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Students - help us fundraise!

When: Wednesday 28th May 2014
Time: 11.30-12.00

What can students do to help?
• Donate cakes to our cake stall (please make a label to list ingredients)
• Enter in the best cake or cupcakes competition
• Purchase cakes at our cake stall $1.00 - $5.00
• Create a icing biscuit $1.00 each
• Make a money donation at school.
### Positive Behaviour Learning (P.B.L)

#### Our PBL Winners for Week 2, Term 2 were:

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### Nutrition Snippet

#### The simplest way

...to make Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea healthy!

**Ingredients**
- Olive or canola oil spray
- 2 medium apples, skin on, core removed, grated
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 2 cups dates, seeded
- 2 cups natural museli
- 1/3 cup plain flour
- 1/3 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

**Method**
- Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced) or lightly spray a slice tin (approx. 25x30cm) with oil
- Add apple, water, margarine and dates to a small saucepan and bring to the boil
- Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5 minutes until the apple is soft
- Cook uncovered for a further 5 minutes and stir occasionally until mixture thickens to a paste-like consistency
- Meanwhile, place museli in a large fry pan. Stir over low heat until lightly browned
- Sift flours into a large bowl, returning any remaining in the sieve to the bowl
- Add cinnamon and museli to the flours and mix to combine
- Stir into the date mixture then spoon into prepared tin
- Bake for 20 minutes until firm
- Cool in tin before cutting

For more information visit [eatittobeatit.com.au](http://eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](http://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY.